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Commissioners  
of the  
State Reservation of Niagara  
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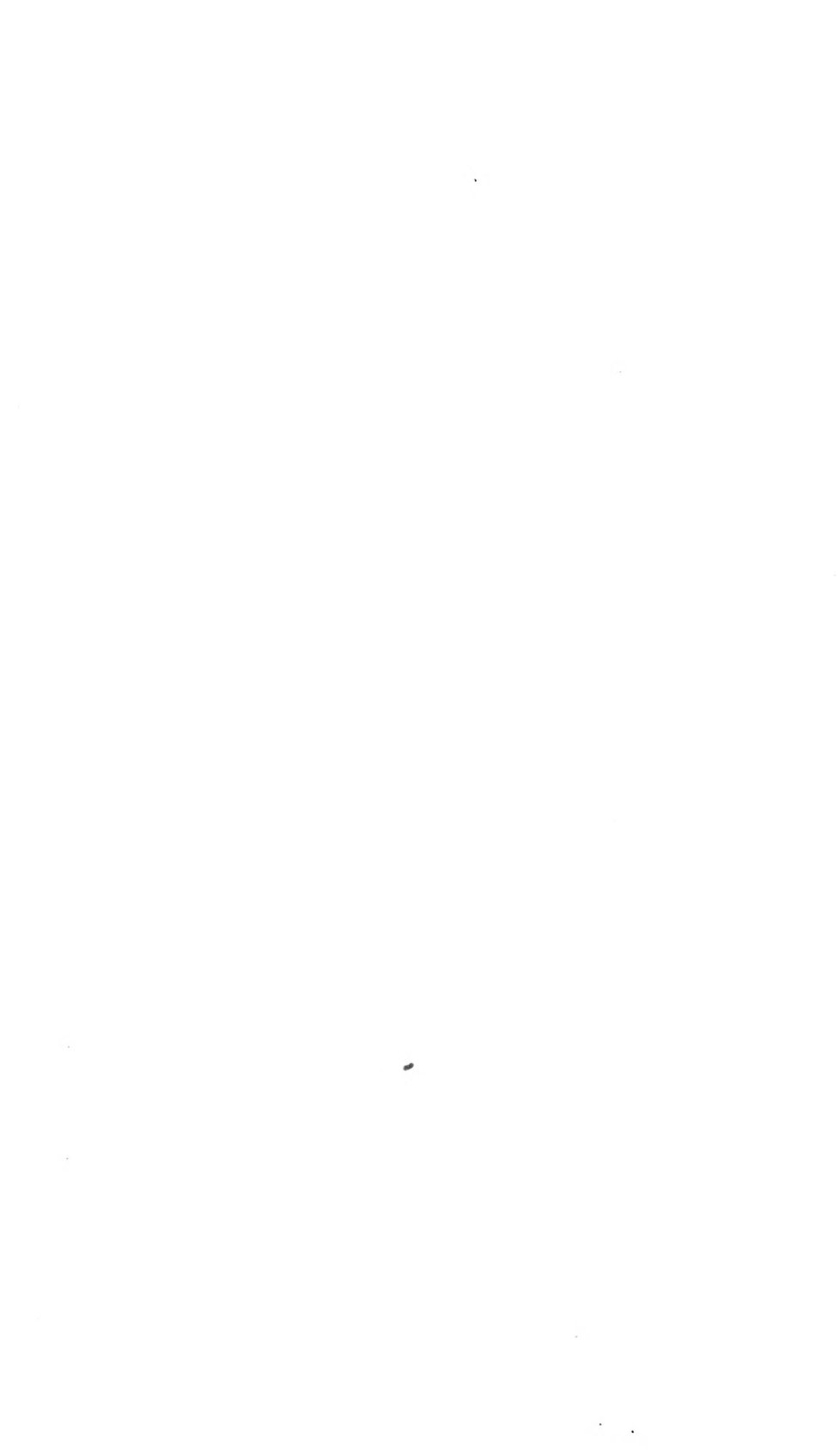
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### REPORT

#### OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE RESERVATION AT NIAGARA, FOR THE YEAR 1885.

*To the Honorable the Legislature of the State of New York :*

As required by law, the Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara submit their report for the year ending December 31, 1885, being their second annual report.

With the presentation of their first report the duties of this Commission as defined by chapter 336 of the Laws of 1883, were substantially fulfilled. A tract of 106  $\frac{916}{1000}$  acres, in addition to the lands under water, had been located for the State reservation ; an accurate survey completed under the direction of the State Engineer, and a careful appraisement of the whole area obtained in the method described in the act.

Full particulars of these transactions accompanied the report. It remained for the Legislature to secure the acquisition of the reservation by appropriating a sum to pay the awards.

By chapter 182 of the Laws of 1885, passed April 30, an appropriation was made for this purpose, and by chapter 286 of the Laws of the same year, entitled "An act to provide for the maintenance and management of the State Reservation at Niagara," and passed May 20, the powers of the Commissioners were enlarged to give them full control and management of the reservation on its acquisition by the State. As by the provisions of the earlier of these acts, the issue of bonds was directed for the purpose of raising part of the purchase price, a considerable time necessarily elapsed before the awards could be paid.

On the 15th of July the reservation was formally opened with appropriate ceremonies and in the presence of a great assemblage of the citizens of New York and Canada.

The Hon. Erastus Brooks called the assemblage to order and, upon taking the chair, made an eloquent address. Prayer was then offered by the Rt. Rev. A. Cleveland Coxe, Bishop of Western New York.

On behalf of this Commission, its President, the Hon. William Dorsheimer, announced the completion of the proceedings for the taking of the lands at Niagara. The Honorable David B. Hill, Governor of the State, thereupon accepted the reservation in an interesting historical address. An oration was then delivered by James C. Carter, Esq., of New York, after which speeches were made by his excellency John Beverly Robinson, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, and by Oliver Mowatt, Esq., Attorney-General of the same province.

The transfer to the State having been thus publicly celebrated, the control of the Commissioners immediately commenced.

At that date all the land owners who had appealed from the appraisers' awards had agreed to withdraw their appeals with the exception of three. Of the three appeals pending at that date two have since been decided in favor of the State and the last remaining appeal, it is believed, will shortly be dismissed.

Due precautions were taken by the Commissioners to secure the transfer to the State of all personal property upon the reservation covered by the awards. At a meeting of the board held May 22, Mr. T. V. Welch, of Niagara Falls, was appointed assistant secretary, and directed to make an inventory of all such property and take custody of it on the passing of the title to the State.

Since its assumption of control over the reservation the board has confined its operations for the remainder of the year to the removal from the reservation as rapidly as possible of the numerous structures which incumbered and marred it, while providing for the secure and ready access of visitors to the grounds. With the exception of the expenditure necessary to place the bridges in a safe condition, the main outlay has been made in caring for the security of visitors who have come in greatly augmented numbers since the property passed into the ownership of the State.

Stone monuments have been placed to mark the boundary of the State property upon the main land.

Upon the opening of the reservation to the public, it became the duty of the Commissioners to frame a series of by-laws and regulations for its government, pursuant to section 1, of chapter 286 of the Laws of 1885.

Under the power there conferred, a set of ordinances were drawn up and published as required by law.



A copy of the by-laws and ordinances is appended to this report.

By these regulations, the hours of opening and closing the reservation were fixed; the injury or defacement of any plant, tree, building, fence or bridge was forbidden, rules for vehicles and pedestrians were prescribed, and in general the orderly maintenance of the reservation provided for. The superintendent was charged with the enforcement of these ordinances. A breach of any of them is punishable by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty days or by both fine and imprisonment under the provisions of section three of chapter 286 of the Laws of 1885, above cited. Five special constables were appointed under the same act. It is satisfactory to state that notwithstanding the great increase of visitors since the opening of the reservation no serious breach of these regulations has occurred.

The post of superintendent was filled by the appointment of Mr. Thomas V. Welch.

For the details of the superintendent's management, reference is made to his report to the board accompanying this report.

It has been the endeavor of the board to make the fullest provision for the safety and comfort of visitors. Immediately on taking possession, the superintendent was directed to post warnings at dangerous places, to instruct all the employees to observe courtesy and attention toward all visitors and to make any repairs to the bridges or buildings needed to place them in a secure condition. Under this authority repairs have been made to the bridges amounting to \$1,143.41, and to the inclined railway amounting to \$489.85. Few other repairs have been found necessary.

At the opening of the reservation several of the buildings on the reservation were leased. The superintendent was authorized to continue these leases for the remainder of the season. A statement of all receipts from such leases will be found appended to his report. The privilege of the "Cave of the Winds," has also been leased. A fare of ten cents for the round trip was fixed for the inclined railway at the American fall.

Under the powers granted to the board, certain buildings and machinery have been sold and removed from the reservation. These sales have been made in all cases to the highest bidder, on sealed proposals and after due advertisement. The amounts received from all sources will be found in the statements appended to this report.

The Cataract Bank at Niagara Falls was made the depository with which all moneys received by the superintendent are to be forthwith deposited and withdrawn only by the treasurer of the board and for the purpose only to transfer to the bank account of the board in New

York. The treasurer is authorized to draw on the latter account for the payment of pay-rolls and certain incidental expenses on presentation ; other bills only after previous audit by the board.

The treasurer has given a bond in the penalty of \$10,000, pursuant to section 6 of the last cited act.

*The summary of receipts and expenditures for the year 1885.*

Balance on hand December 31, 1884.....	\$232 80
Received during the year:	
Inclined railway.....	4,664 87
Leases .....	2,767 31
Sales .....	13,696 90
Balance of unexpended appropriation of 1883.....	2,619 06
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	\$23,980 94
Total disbursements for the year.....	9,121 26
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Leaving balance in hand December 31, 1885...	\$14,859 68
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Total receipts since the organization of the commission, inclusive of appropriation of \$10,000, by act of 1883,	\$31,154 08
Total disbursements.....	16,294 40
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Balance.....	\$14,859 68
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The treasurer's report is appended together with a statement of all the payments for the year.

An item of \$19,500 was inserted in the supply bill of the year to pay the fees of the commissioners of appraisement and the attorneys of the board. Payments have been made thereupon by the Comptroller directly to those for whose benefit it was intended, and it does not, therefore, enter the above account.

In submitting an estimate of the probable expenses of the ensuing year, as the law requires, it is to be borne in mind that the work now before the Commission is of a very different nature from any heretofore undertaken. For the reasons previously stated the work up to this date has been restricted to the removal without expense to the State of buildings and machinery. The total expenses have, therefore, been light. On the other hand, the receipts from the reservation have been increased by the proceeds of these sales, and with the removal of the buildings these receipts will cease.

Plans for various works of a constructive character are before the Commissioners for consideration. A safety cable should be attached to the cars of the inclined railway to guard against the possibility of accident from a breakage of the hoist cable.

Some suitable structure is greatly needed on Goat island to replace the Biddle stairs which have proved inadequate to meet the present requirements. Plans and estimates for an elevator and for the safety cable have been received, and are under consideration.

The Commission will be able during the present year to perfect a plan for the restoration of the scenery of Niagara, and will present the same with an estimate of the cost of construction to the next Legislature.

The Commission will not ask for any appropriation for the present, unless the Legislature shall come to the conclusion that an elevator or some other structure should be at once constructed to take the place of the Biddle staircase on Goat island. Such a structure is commended by considerations of public safety and in connection with the inclined railway on the main land, and some other items of revenue will furnish a sufficient income to pay the ordinary expenses of administration. The roads and walks will need enlargement and reconstruction, and plans for the same will be embraced in the general design for restoring the scenery; but the Commission is of the opinion that an appropriation for these purposes could be advantageously used during the present year. The Commission also calls the attention of the Legislature to the necessity which will soon arise for the construction of a stone bridge from the mainland to Goat island and of replacing with more durable structures the bridges which now connect Goat island with the smaller islands.

With these preliminary suggestions the following estimate is offered of the expense of maintaining the reservation for the ensuing year :

*Expenses of maintaining the Reservation for the year 1886.*

Commissioners' expenses.....	\$600 00
Office expenses (including salary of treasurer).....	1,280 00
Salary of superintendent.....	1,800 00
Pay of policemen, watchmen and laborers.....	6,000 00
Stationery, printing, advertising, postage and incidental expenses .....	600 00
Safety cable for inclined railway .....	750,00
Planking bridges .....	600 00
Labor and materials, filling excavations, repairs to roads and walks and other repairs .....	3,000 00
Removing piers in river.....	1,000 00
Miscellaneous expenditures.....	2,500 00
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	\$18,130 00

Against this schedule of necessary expenses the following are the estimated receipts from the reservation :

Inclined railway . . . . .	\$6,000 00
Park store rental . . . . .	1,000 00
Cave of the winds . . . . .	600 00
Restaurant . . . . .	600 00
Bath Island store . . . . .	600 00
" Maid of the Mist " landing . . . . .	500 00
Cottage dwelling . . . . .	192 00
Baggage room . . . . .	50 00
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	\$9,542 00
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Estimate of work to be done :

Elevator or other structure in place of Biddle staircase on Goat island . . . . .	\$31,000 00
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The Commissioners are of opinion that the sum of \$25,000 can be usefully expended in construction and repair of roads, walks, etc.

The amount of receipts may be increased by the sale of Tugby Bazaar building, the brick and stone shops, the pulp mill and machinery, and the Rapids Hotel building. It is probable that from these sources a sum of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 will be received.

Some correspondence has been had with the Commissioners appointed under an act of the last Legislature of the Province of Ontario to lay out and cause to be appraised a tract of land for park on the Canadian side of the falls. It is understood that this commission will present a report to the Legislature meeting this winter, and it is hoped an appropriation will be made to secure a reservation similar to that established by this State.

Highly satisfactory results are already noticeable from the establishment of the reservation. It is estimated that four times as many visitors have viewed the falls from the grounds of the reservation within the half year than during any similar period in the past. Summer visitors remain longer than formerly. The removal of buildings has opened many new views and added much to the beauty of the scenery. A consequent rise in the value of neighboring property has taken place, and although the reservation has taken a large block of property off the tax-roll of the village, it is believed that this increase of value which has resulted will more than restore the original valuation. The stringent rules adopted with reference to the drivers of hacks have

wrought a very perceptible abatement of the annoyances which formerly were the subject of frequent complaint.

WILLIAM DORSHEIMER,  
AND. H. GREEN,  
M. B. ANDERSON,  
SHERMAN S. ROGERS,

*Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara.*



## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

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*To the Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara :*

GENTLEMEN — In compliance with a resolution adopted by your board November 4, 1885, I respectfully submit the following report from July 16 to December 31, 1885, inclusive, for transmission to the Legislature with the annual report of the Commissioners.

I was appointed Superintendent of the State Reservation at Niagara July 16, 1885, and entered at once upon the discharge of the duties of that office. The former employees upon the islands and at Prospect park were retained, and additional labor was employed to put the grounds in order, after the departure of the assemblage present at the ceremonies attending the opening of the reservation July 15, many of whom remained several days to enjoy the privilege of freely viewing the scenery of Niagara. During the summer and autumn, as long as the pleasant weather continued, a constant stream of people visited Niagara, ranging in number from 1,000 to 6,000 daily, at least four times as many as before the establishment of the reservation. Fears were entertained that the freedom extended to all comers would result in license, in the destruction of property and the loss of life from accident. Such fears proved to be groundless, a sense of personal interest and ownership seemed to impress itself upon all, and to make each visitor in a manner custodian of the place. Great crowds came and went as quietly and orderly as if the reservation had been established for years. Notwithstanding the great numbers from our own and other States who have gathered here during the summer and autumn there has been no disorder, no injury to property and no loss of life from accident. One of the most noticeable results immediately following the establishment of the reservation, was the increased number of visitors apparently of limited means. Many of these people lived within a short distance of Niagara, but had been deterred from seeing it by the fees heretofore charged for admission to the grounds. Another circumstance observed was the increased number of visitors from the Dominion of Canada. Railway trains of twenty or more coaches conveyed Canadian people directly to the reservation without stopping on the Canadian shore. This was undoubtedly owing to the establishment of the reservation and to the facilities which it affords for the free and peaceable enjoyment of the scenery. Churches, Sunday school associations, civic and military societies in this and other States have availed themselves largely of the privilege extended to them by the State. In order to convey an idea of the localities from whence visitors came, a statement of the number of excursion trains and the place of departure from is hereto appended.

Excursions and pic-nics are required to come first to Prospect park,

where lunch is had, after which the islands and other places are visited at pleasure. The terrace adjoining Canal street in Prospect park is designated as the pic-nic ground, and visitors are requested not to occupy other portions of Prospect park for that purpose. Under this arrangement the *debris* are not so widely scattered and are more readily collected and removed. When several parties arrive upon the same day, one of the booths or buildings on the grounds is assigned to each party if desired.

The ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on the grounds undoubtedly does much toward the preservation of good order.

*Statement of sales of Property, from July 16, to December 31, 1885, inclusive.*

Property sold was advertised in the *Niagara Falls Gazette*, The *Niagara Courier*, The *Suspension Bridge Journal*, and by hand bills.

All sales were made to the highest bidder.

July 25.	Edward McCaffrey, frame house.....	\$100 00
	P. Secord & Co., frame planing shop.....	50 00
	H. S. Ware, frame flouring mill.....	102 50
	John Corcoran, frame boat house.....	7 00
	D. R. Jerauld, frame building.....	26 00
	D. R. Jerauld, frame bath house.....	11 00
	Charles McDonald, stone foundry.....	20 00
	Bernard Messing, frame barn.....	80 00
	Jos. Brooks, frame shed.....	3 00
	P. Secord & Co., stone house.....	100 00
30.	Rice, Lewis & Co., paper mill machinery....	11,200 00
Sept. 23.	H. T. Allen, wing of hotel building.....	163 00
	W. A. Frazer, frame building.....	25 00
	F. Tierney, frame ice house.....	50 00
	D. S. Marshall, frame building.....	17 00
	John Tierney, frame store.....	153 00
	D. Phillips, frame shop buildings.....	100 00
	F. Bredersheldt, frame shop buildings.....	102 00
	Lauzan & Brooks, frame building.....	35 00
Nov. 7.	Jesse Peterson, paper mill buildings.....	1,000 00
Dec. 3	N. D. Pearl, mill flume.....	6 00
	N. D. Pearl, frame building.....	18 00
	N. D. Pearl, frame building.....	9 00
	Leonard Sawyer, mill flume.....	5 00
	Sales of old fence, lumber, etc., by private sale,	307 40
Total.....		<u><u>\$13,689 90</u></u>

After the opening of the reservation a great increase was also noticed in the number of summer tourists. The fact that they could go from one point of observation to another without charge, induced them also to make their stay longer than formerly. Instead of being driven hurriedly from place to place, visitors were more frequently seen walk-



ing leisurely along the river bank, or around the islands, and appeared to enjoy more thoroughly the beauty of the scenery. When the structures along the rapids and on Bath island shall have been removed, the attractions of the locality will be so much enhanced and opportunities for beautiful walks and drives afforded, that in all probability many visitors will remain during the entire summer. The sentiment expressed by all visitors is one of extreme satisfaction at the action of the State, in making itself the possessor of the surroundings of Niagara. As the population of the State and nation increases, the number of visitors to Niagara will be greater each succeeding year. The hope is expressed by many that in the beginning the policy of the State toward the reservation will be broad and liberal enough to meet all the necessities and emergencies of the future. The work of removing the structures on the bank of the river and Bath island was commenced as soon as possible. Many of the buildings were old, unoccupied and almost worthless. These were designated to be sold, and many of them have been removed in whole or in part, including three dwellings, four mills, two hotel buildings, two stores, five stables, two ice houses, one store house, one pump house and one bath house, beside a number of sheds, and many fences which obstructed the view of the river and islands. A statement of the sales of property is hereto appended:

Buildings occupied for business purposes were leased to the occupants for the remainder of the year. A statement of such leases and amount received therefrom is hereto appended.

At present there are but four buildings leased to the occupants, these will probably be removed before the coming summer and the revenue derived therefrom will cease.

The removal of buildings on the river bank discloses beautiful views of the rapids and islands and encourages the speedy and thorough prosecution of that work. Although the labor of restoration is only begun, already a gratifying improvement is observed. Not until the shores are cleared of structures will the people of the State be able to see the full extent and beauty of their possession.

In accordance with the resolution of your board, directing that precautions be taken to insure the public safety, an examination was made of the bridges to the islands. They were found to be very much in need of repairs, many of the needle beams, the main support of the woodwork, were decayed. These have been replaced, and general repairs made to the bridges. The bridges have also been painted an appropriate color. They should be replanked and the needle beams replaced with iron beams.

The inclined railway at Prospect park has been operated as directed by your board. The river below the falls is reached by a stairway and the inclined railway. The use of the stairway is free, a nominal fee of five cents up or down is charged each person for transportation on the incline as directed by resolution. Visitors avail themselves gladly of its use in going to and from the river below the bank. The number using the incline during the summer months is so great that even from the small charge made, a considerable revenue is derived. A statement showing the amount received each month is hereto appended.

In order to secure the traveling public from accident, a safety cable for the inclined railway has been recommended and plans and estimates for the work are now under consideration. The workings of the inclined railway suggest the desirability of constructing a hydraulic elevator with a free stairway attached, on the site of the present winding stairway near the Cave of the Winds on Goat island. The structure is old and dilapidated, and the increased number of visitors to the islands renders it inadequate and unsuitable. The Cave of the Winds is an object of great interest to visitors. An attractive walk along the edge of the water below the bank may also be made from the American to the Canadian fall. An elevator at that point would be more sightly than the present structure. Operated for a nominal fee, it would be a much needed public convenience and a source of income to the State. The aggregate amount derived from such an elevator and the inclined railway, provided with free stairways and operated for a five cent fare, would probably exceed \$10,000 annually, and would tend toward making the reservation eventually self-sustaining.

Boundary monuments of Medina sandstone have been placed at each street corner and at every angle of the boundary line on the reservation on the main land. After the monuments were placed in position the fences on the reservation adjacent to River street were removed, revealing the extent of the reservation along the river front. The territory included in that neighborhood is much greater than is ordinarily understood, and possesses features of great beauty and attractiveness.

Upon request the trustees of the village of Niagara Falls appointed five of the employees of your board police constables without pay from the village. Several consultations have been had with the trustees concerning the relations of the reservation to the village. The object of such conferences was the better protection of visitors from the solicitations of carriage drivers and livery agents.

At the establishment of the reservation the only public carriage stands were at the railroad depots. In order to reduce the annoyance to which visitors were subjected upon their arrival, public carriage stands were established upon the reservation, under the supervision of the reservation police. The drivers of carriages occupying the stands are obliged to remain upon their carriages. The village ordinances provide that each driver shall place inside of his carriage in plain sight, a card containing his number and the rates of fare established by the trustees. Inquiry showed that the ordinance was observed only by a small portion of the drivers. Those violating it were on several occasions reported to the village trustees with requests for the enforcement of the ordinances. This course failing to secure a compliance with the law, on October 1 all carriages not having numbers and rates of fare in plain sight were excluded from the islands and Prospect park. As a result the drivers of carriages are now complying with the law relating to numbers and rates of fare. This scrutiny exercised over the drivers has produced a good effect upon their bearing toward the traveling public. Within the reservation, as a rule, they have shown a disposition to observe the ordinances of the board. Persistent and annoying solicitation is still practiced at the railroad depots and on the village streets leading to the reservation. This evil

may be diminished by a reasonable enforcement of the village ordinances, but in order to effectually remedy existing abuses it may be necessary to procure additional legislation.

### THE FRENCH LANDING.

The buildings upon the river banks within the reservation will probably be cleared away before the coming summer. This will produce a charming and wonderful change. An uninterrupted view will then be obtainable from the American falls to the head of the rapids. At the eastern end of the reservation a beautiful view of the broad and peaceful upper Niagara river is presented. The locality is rich in historical associations. At "The French Landing," a spot near the head of the reservation, the Chevalier La Salle and the missionary, Father Hennepin, and their voyageurs, in 1678, are said to have embarked, after the portage of their canoe from the present site of Lewiston. Here the bank is slightly elevated and the water comparatively deep and still. The rapids are below, and just above the bank is low and marshy. This natural landing was used for many years by the early French traders and settlers, and probably before their coming by the Indians of the Neutral Nation, and by their successors, the Senecas. It may be proper to have its location designated upon the map of the reservation and retain the name, "The French Landing," for its historic value.

### HISTORIC POINTS.

Looking up the Niagara river from the head of the reservation, many important historical events are recalled by the surroundings. At the mouth of Cayuga creek, a short distance above, the Chevalier Robert de La Salle, in 1679, built and launched "The Griffin," the first vessel that sailed the upper lakes. The wooded shores of Buckhorn Island are visible, where, it is said, the French forces, in 1759, burned their vessels and military stores, to prevent them from falling into the hands of the British. A prominent point is Schlosser Landing, near the site of the French fort, Du Portage, destroyed by Chabert Joncaire, in his retreat, July 9, 1759. December 29, 1837, during the progress of the "Patriot Rebellion," a party of Canadians seized the steamer Caroline at Schlosser's Landing, towed her out into the river, and allowed her to drift with the current over the falls. The site of the French post, known as Fort Little Niagara, is discernible. The chimney of the Steadman house, built in 1761, is yet standing. Further down upon the river bank, within the reservation, where the terrace terminates near Mill street, is the site of the French saw-mill, used at an early day in preparing timber for the construction of forts and palisades along the river. Immediately below are the sites of the Steadman and Porter mills, the first structures of the kind erected on the western frontier. It may also be desirable to mark in some appropriate manner these important points in the early settlement of this region. At the head of the reservation, a fine view is obtained of the Canadian village of Chippewa, on the opposite shore, memorable as the locality of the battle of Chippewa, July 5, 1814.

## PORT DAY.

The pier at "Port Day," just east of the boundary line of the reservation, is "made land," extending out into the river several hundred feet. It may be desirable to ascertain whether the owners at Port Day acquired a legal right to occupy the bed of the river. The reservation can readily be connected with the "made land," from which an uninterrupted view is obtained of the river above, and the rapids and islands below.

The area at the head of the reservation is fringed with natural trees, black walnut predominating. Westerly, along the river bank, are many varieties of hawthorn. The slope of the reservation along River street suggests many steps in the work of restoration, among which may be noted the removal of the embankment east of Fourth street, the removal or the submersion of the water-works inlet, at present unsightly and apparently inadequate, and the removal of the retaining wall west of Fourth street. The breakwater at the inlet, known as "The Wing," may be removed in whole or in part, and the wing or bay, which is very shallow, filled in so as to restore the original conformation of the shore, and also increase the land area of the reservation. This would permit the roadway at that point to be widened, which is very necessary for public convenience.

## THE TERRACE.

The reservation at this point includes the hillside covered with a fine growth of natural trees, and a space beyond the crest of the hill broad enough for a walk, with green sward on either side. The terrace commands an extensive view of the river above, the islands and the American and Canadian rapids below, and from it the water may be seen descending over the verge of the American fall. The approaches are gradual on its eastern and western slopes. A walk upon the brow of the hill would be so far removed from the roadway as to be free from the dust caused by vehicles, and the beautiful views it would command would render it a delightful resort for the public. The removal of the mills near the intersection of Mill and River streets has disclosed to view the magnificent rapids at that point which have been hidden from sight since the first settlement of this section. The removal of the mills has also rendered the raceway unnecessary, and it may be filled in if desired, thereby increasing the width of the roadway in River and Canal streets. The surface of the area known as "The Wood Lot," bounded by Buffalo, Canal, Mill street and Mill slip, owing to former excavations, is much depressed and should be filled in. Properly planted, commanding as it does delightful views of the river, the rapids and the islands, it would be a place of great attractiveness.

## THE TERRACE AT CANAL STREET.

The removal of the hotel buildings, between Mill slip and Bridge street, has opened to view the grandest features of the American rapids. The removal of other structures in that vicinity, as directed by your board, will disclose a view extending far up the river, and also downward until the water disappears over the American fall. Sev-

eral fine trees upon the river bank in this locality will aid the work of restoration. A water pipe sufficiently large to supply water to operate the inclined railway, may be laid from the upper raceway. The removal of the mills, as directed, will render the lower raceway unnecessary. It may be filled in, and the breakwater in the river between Mill slip and Bridge street removed. The removal of the mills and other structures between Bridge street and Rapids street, as directed, will produce a wonderful change in the appearance of that locality. Canal street upon the eastern elevation will then command an uninterrupted view of the rapids and islands from its walks and driveway. The dwelling-house in Prospect park, at the intersection of Falls and Rapids streets should also be removed to some less conspicuous location.

#### PROSPECT PARK.

The removal of the pavilion in Prospect park has already been authorized. It has also been intimated that the bazaar building at Prospect park will be removed. This will greatly improve the view of the rapids and falls from the series of natural terraces, which is one of the remarkable and attractive features of Prospect park.

The "Shadow of the Rock" building at the foot of the American falls is in a dilapidated condition and should be removed. It obstructs the view of the falls from below and is at best an unsightly blemish. A substantial iron guard-rail along the rapids, and the verge of the high bank at Prospect park, would be an additional protection to the public.

#### THE ISLANDS.

The removal of the buildings on Bath island, for many years a prominent disfigurement of the natural scenery, is in progress. The piers and mill flumes in the river have also been directed by your board to be removed. The removal of the buildings will restore the beauty and enhance the interest which attaches to Bath island by reason of its location in the midst of the American rapids.

#### THE TREES ON GOAT ISLAND.

The western portion of Bath island is "made land," and is almost entirely destitute of trees. The great variety of young trees growing on Goat island suggested the idea of transplantation to the neighboring island. An examination of the trees and shrubs on Goat island revealed a wonderful variety in an area so circumscribed: Birch, maple, basswood and ironwood are very numerous. There are also many black and white ash, wild apple, aspen, alder, black, white, yellow and canoe birch, buttonball, red and white cedar, black and white cherry, cottonwood, elm, hemlock, hickory, common juniper, red and white oak, white pine, sumac, tulip, black and weeping willow, yew and other varieties. The red cedars are dying out of late years. Many of the sumacs, which are spreading in groves over the eastern end of the island, should be removed.

There are also great numbers of shrubs, including barberry, burning bush, wild currant, dogwood, elder, gooseberry, honeysuckle, coral-

berry, leatherwood, lilac, ninebark, nettletree, raspberry, snowberry, spicebark, sheperdia and others. Many are very rare, and cannot be obtained at American nurseries. Among the creeping plants growing in great abundance are bitter-sweet, wild grapevine, honeysuckle, ivy, and the Virginia creeper. Many of the vines are two inches in diameter and extend to the tops of the tallest trees.

The conclusion arrived at, after examining the young trees, was, that owing to their crowded and shaded locations, they had grown too tall and slender to be advantageously transplanted, and that they would require nursery treatment for two or three years before they could be so utilized.

#### THE UNDERBRUSH ON GOAT ISLAND.

The underbrush on Goat island forms a delightful contrast with the cleared portions of the reservation on the main land, and is a charming characteristic of the place. Lovers of nature will rejoice to see the underbrush preserved. Some openings may be made around the margin of the islands so as to afford broader and more frequent views of the surrounding rapids and islands. Many dead and fallen trees scattered in the thicket may be removed in the autumn or winter season.

The foot-path on Goat island in some places is located inside the carriage-way. It should be changed so as to extend continuously on the side nearest to the river. The roadway is much in need of thorough and systematic improvement. A road wide enough to allow vehicles to pass upon it would be a public convenience, but it would necessitate the removal of many fine trees. A well-constructed single-track road will apparently answer all present requirements. A substantial iron guard rail around the western shore of the island is needed for public safety, and a commodious and conveniently located pavilion or other structure for the shelter of visitors in case of sudden rain storms. The southern shore of Goat island, although protected at some points by piers and timber structures, is being gradually worn away in many places by the force of the current. This is also true in a measure of the other islands, notably the Sister islands. Within a year or two the action of the water has opened a fissure nearly half way through the western portion of the Third Sister island, and trees growing on the islands, undermined by the current, have fallen into the stream. Gull island, south of Goat island, said to have had an area of two acres in 1840, has virtually disappeared. The prevention of the encroachment of the river upon the island will involve careful consideration and expert advice. Among the larger islands, to which there is no access, are Ship, Brig, Robinson, Bird and Brother islands. They are far more attractive in appearance than they would be if bridged. Lovers of natural scenery, who admire the perfection of these green islands removed from the touch of man, will rejoice to see them remain in their present isolated condition as illustrations of the beauty and harmony of nature's handiwork.

The contour of the falls changes every year. Trigonometrical surveys, more frequent than in the past, showing the rate of the retrocession of the falls, would be matters of general and scientific interest.

The members of the Niagara Falls Park Commission of Ontario

have visited the reservation on two occasions. I am informed that the Canadian commissioners have selected the land and settled on the boundary of the proposed Canadian park, which have been approved by the government of Ontario. Definite values from the respective owners of the lands to be taken are now being obtained. If the values meet the approval of the commissioners they will so report to the government, with the view of obtaining the necessary legislation. If arbitration becomes necessary it will be proceeded with without delay.

It is probable that in the near future the complete preservation of the scenery of the falls of Niagara will be assured by the establishment of a reservation on the Canadian shore.

Very respectfully,

THOS. V. WELCH,  
*Superintendent.*

*Number of Excursion trains and places of Departure from July 15,  
to October 26, 1885.*

On July 15, 275 cars by New York Central railroad; 260 cars by Erie railroad; 275 by West Shore railroad; total, 810 cars.

Month.	No. of excursions.	No. cars.	Where from.
July.....	7	....	Buffalo, N. Y.
July.....	1	....	Tonawanda, N. Y.
July.....	1	....	Greenville, Pa.
July.....	3	....	Lockport, N. Y.
July.....	1	....	Hamburg, N. Y.
July.....	1	....	Suspension Bridge, N. Y.
July.....	1	....	Prattsburg, N. Y.
July.....	1	....	Over B., N. Y. & P. R'y.
July.....	2	....	Toronto, Ont.

From July 15 to 31, number of cars estimated at 150.

August.....	14	101	Buffalo, N. Y.
August.....	1	3	Wilson, N. Y.
August.....	1	5	Cleveland, Ohio.
August.....	1	6	South Dayton, Ohio.
August.....	1	8	Brandford, Ontario.
August.....	5	18	Lockport, N. Y.
August.....	1	2	Somerset, N. Y.
August.....	1	45	Palmyra, N. Y.
August.....	1	32	Railway Cond. Union, Canada.
August.....	1	10	Beamsville, Canada.
August.....	1	15	Columbus, Ind.
August.....	1	8	Paris, Ont.
August.....	1	5	St. Catharine, Ont.
August.....	1	5	Painesville and Youngstown, Ohio.
August.....	3	22	Rochester, N. Y.
August . . .	1	4	Valparaiso, Ind.
August.....	2	3	Pittsburgh, Pa.

Month.	No. of excursions.	No. cars.	Where from.
August .....	1	2	Pekin, N. Y.
August . . . .	2	4	Sanborn, N. Y.
August .....	1	4	Amsterdam, N. Y.
August .....	2	23	Oil City, Pa.
August .....	1	5	Erie, Pa.
August .....	1	6	St. George, Ont.
August .....	1	10	Jamestown, N. Y.
August .....	2	10	Batavia, N. Y.
August .....	1	5	Towanda, Pa.
August .....	1	10	Conneaut, Ohio.
August .....	1	5	Over Buffalo I. P. R'y.
August .....	1	13	Over N. and N. W. R'y of Canada.
August .....	1	14	Over Grand Trunk, Canada.
August .....	1	13	Onondaga County, N. Y.
August .....	1	10	Over N. Y., Pa. and O. R'y.
August .....	1	10	Albion, N. Y.
August .....	2	4	Canton, N. Y.
August .....	1	12	Fairport, N. Y.
August .....	1	10	Brockport, N. Y.
August .....	3	9	Over B., N. Y. & P. R'y.
August .....	1	8	Over B. & M. R'y.
August .....	1	5	Simcoe, Ont.
August .....	1	11	Over G. W. R'y, Ont.
August .....	1	1	Clayton, Ont.
August .....	1	27	Auburn, N. Y.
August .....	1	14	Columbus, Ohio.
August .....	1	5	Salamanca, N. Y.
August .....	1	18	Peoria, Ill.
August . . . .	1	5	Lancaster, N. Y.
August . . . .	1	5	Scranton, Pa.
August .....	1	2	Caledonia, N. Y.
August .....	1	8	Chautauqua, N. Y.
August .....	1	2	Waterport, N. Y.
August .....	1	13	Over Nickel Plate R'y.
August .....	1	7	Over Rochester & Pittsburgh R'y.
August .....	1	10	London, Ont.

Number of cars, August 1 to 31, estimated at 125.

September ..	8	65	Buffalo, N. Y.
September ..	1	7	Over C., H. & D. R'y.
September ..	1	3	Over B. B. R'y of New Jersey.
September ..	5	52	Rochester, N. Y.
September ..	2	14	Hamilton, Ont.
September ..	3	6	Toronto, Ont.
September ..	1	3	Royalton, N. Y.
September ..	1	8	Over N. & W. W. R'y.
September ..	1	8	Springfield, N. Y.
September ..	4	51	Over C., C. C. & I. R'y.
September ..	2	10	Jamestown, N. Y.
September ..	1	10	Toledo, Ohio.
September ..	1	1	Eaton Rapids, Mich.



Month.	No. of excursions.	No. cars.	Where from.
September ..	1	5	Coburne, Ont.
September ..	3	8	Lockport, N. Y.
September ..	1	4	Tonawanda, N. Y.
September ..	1	12	Olean and Corry, Pa.
September ..	1	1	Boston, Mass.
September ..	1	6	Elmira, N. Y.
September ..	1	10	Bath, N. Y.
September ..	1	9	Susquehanna, Pa.
September ..	2	16	Over B., N. Y. & P. R'y.
September ..	1	8	Over West Shore.
September ..	1	7	Hornellsville, N. Y.
September ..	1	10	Fairview, Ont.
September ..	1	5	Preston, Ont.
September ..	1	5	Guelph, Ont.
September ..	1	13	Port Huron, Ont.
September ..	1	4	Lynn, Mass.
September ..	1	9	Cleveland, Ohio.
September ..	1	4	Over Allegheny Valley R'y.
September ..	2	12	Over Nickel Plate R'y.
September ..	1	2	Royalton, N. Y.
September ..	1	1	Shawnee, Pa.
September ..	1	7	Marietta, Ohio.
October .....	4	35	Buffalo, N. Y.
October .....	2	10	Over B., N. Y. & P. R'y.
October .....	1	26	Corning, N. Y.
October .....	2	6	Rochester, N. Y.

Total cars of excursionists, July 15 to October 2, inclusive, 2,140.

*Statement, Monthly receipts from Leases, Sales, and the Inclined Railway, from July 15 to December 31, 1885, inclusive.*

	Inclined R'y.	Leases.	Sales.	Total.
July 15-31.				
Leases .....	.....	\$458 50	.....	} \$1,429 92
Inclined Railway.	\$971 42	.....	.....	
August.				
Leases .....	.....	960 16	.....	} 3,801 09
Sales .....	.....	.....	\$535 13	
Inclined Railway.	2,305 80	.....	.....	
September.				
Leases .....	.....	694 33	.....	} 1,679 78
Sales .....	.....	.....	8 00	
Inclined Railway.	977 45	.....	.....	
October.				
Leases .....	.....	249 00	.....	} 12 651 52
Sales .....	.....	.....	12,096 82	
Inclined Railway.	305 70	.....	.....	
November.				
Leases .....	.....	202 66	.....	} 1,273 46
Sales .....	.....	.....	1,002 55	
Inclined Railway.	68 25	.....	.....	
December.				
Leases .....	.....	202 66	.....	} 293 31
Sales .....	.....	.....	54 40	
Inclined Railway.	36 25	.....	.....	
	\$4,664 87	\$2,767 31	\$13,696 90	\$21,129 08

*The Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, in account with Leighton Williams, Treasurer.*

Date.	Cr.	Amount.
1885. By Balance from 1884.....		\$232 80
Mar. 23. By amount draft on State Comptroller.....		500 00
Apr. 23. By amount draft on State Comptroller.....		2,000 00
By amount draft on State Comptroller.....		119 06
Sept. 2. By amount treasurer's draft on Cataract Bank, N.Y.		5,178 46
Oct. 3. By amount treasurer's draft on Cataract Bank, N.Y.		1,732 53
Oct. 19. By amount treasurer's draft on Cataract Bank, N.Y.		5,000 00
Nov. 12. By amount treasurer's draft on Cataract Bank, N.Y.		7,651 52
Dec. 5. By amount treasurer's draft on Cataract Bank, N.Y.		1,273 26

\$23,687 63

Balance remaining on deposit at Cataract Bank, N. Y.... \$293 31

*The Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara in account  
with Leighton Williams, Treasurer.*

Date.	Abstract number.	Voucher number.	DEBTOR.	Amount voucher.	Amount abstract.
1885.					
Mch. 23	X	48	To John A. Merritt, for searches.....	\$40 00	
Feb. 26	"	49	To Allen, Movius & Wilcox, att'ys, for com- missioners' disbursements.....	119 43	
Mch. 23	"	50	To Downing Vaux, tracing map.....	45 00	
Feb. 26	"	51	To Allen, Movius & Wilcox, disbursements....	27 45	
Mch. 23	"	52	To Leighton Williams, disbursements as per statement.....	27 53	\$259 41
	XI	53	To Sherman S. Rogers, commissioner, travel- ing expenses.....	104 50	104 50
May 23	XII	54	To M. B. Anderson, commissioner, traveling expenses.....	26 43	
21	"	55	To Wm. Dorsheimer, commissioner, traveling expenses.....	10 00	
June 27	"	56	To H. W. Sackett, secretary pro tem., travel- ing expenses.....	16 06	52 54
Aug. 26	XIII	57	To Thornton, Briggs & Close, stenographers..	10 00	
	"	58	To Courier Printing Co., printing.....	97 00	
	"	59	To Allen, Movius & Wilcox, disbursements....	27 92	
	"	60	To Leighton Williams, disbursements as per statement.....	53 03	192 95
1884.					
Dec. 5	XIV	61	To M. B. Anderson, commissioner, traveling expenses.....	24 63	
1885.					
Mch. 5	"	62	To M. B. Anderson, commissioner, traveling expenses.....	32 03	
May 23	"	63	To W. Dorsheimer, commissioner, traveling expenses.....	26 90	
	"	64	To Whitney & Jerould, for hotel expenses of commissioners.....	17 00	
June 8	"	65	To M. B. Anderson, commissioner, traveling expenses.....	5 65	
27	"	66	To M. B. Anderson, commissioner, traveling expenses.....	10 00	
July 15	"	67	To Whitney & Jerould, hotel expenses of com- missioners.....	15 50	
Sept. 9	"	68	To H. Lockwood, printing.....	18 00	
	"	29	To Leighton Williams, treasurer, salary for June, July and August.....	150 00	
Aug. 25	"	70	To M. B. Anderson, commissioner, traveling expenses.....	6 56	
	"	71	To H. W. Sackett salary for May.....	50 00	
	"	72	To pay roll for July.....	457 00	
Sept. 3	"	73	To pay roll for August.....	1003 87	
2	"	74	To Allen, Movius & Wilcox, disbursements....	140 56	
10	"	75	To Thornton, Briggs & Close, stenographers..	14 50	
	"	76	To Walter Jones, for services rendered com- missioners of appraisement.....	50 00	
	"	77	To Weed, Parsons & Co., printing reports....	93 20	
	"	78	To Fless & Ridge, printing.....	18 50	
	"	79	To Leighton Williams, disbursements as per statement.....	118 02	
	"	80	To Peter A. Porter, stationery.....	16 75	
	"	81	To N. F. Water Works Co., for water supply at Prospect park.....	131 25	
	"	82	To A. P. Burdick, for work, etc., at Prospect park.....	2 10	
	"	83	To Benjamin Rhodes, stationery.....	6 50	
	"	84	To H. S. Ware, for labor and materials on res- ervation.....	143 63	

## TREASURER'S REPORT — Continued.

Date.	Abstract number.	Voucher number.	DÉBITOR.	Amount voucher.	Amount abstract.
1885.					
Sept. 10	XIV	85	To W. Pool & Son, advertising.....	\$16 25	
	"	86	To Bell Telephone Co.....	5 10	
	"	87	To John McCloy, labor and materials on reservation.....	12 50	
	"	88	To W. Young, cartage of lumber.....	4 90	
	"	88	To P. Hirsch, badges for employees.....	13 60	
	"	90	To H. G. Cordley, laying pipes, etc., for sprinkling (labor and material).....	35 05	
	"	91	To Geo. S. Hanes, tools and implements.....	8 55	
	"	92	To H. S. Ware, labor and material on reservation generally.....	36 04	
	"	93	To Benjamin Rhodes, stationery.....	7 74	
	"	94	To P. C. Flynn, labor and material on reservation generally.....	57 82	
	"	95	To P. A. Porter, stationery.....	7 75	
	"	96	To Thos. McKnight, sprinkling reservation.....	30 67	
	"	97	To J. McKenna, office furniture.....	110 00	
	"	98	To D. Phillips, work on inclined railway.....	244 43	
	"	99	To D. Phillips, work on bridges.....	537 14	\$3,688 70
	"	100	To T. V. Welch, petty disbursements.....	3 86	
	XV	101	To H. G. Cordley, office furniture.....	97 00	
	"	102	To J. P. Trott, insurance.....	67 52	
19	"	103	To F. P. Lanigan, insurance.....	28 10	
10	"	104	To Whitney & Jerauld, hotel expenses of commissioners.....	5 00	
	"	105	To L. Kaltenback, expenses of commissioners.....	15 50	
	"	106	To A. Gluck, hotel expenses of treasurer.....	13 50	
Oct. 2	"	107	To M. B. Anderson, traveling expenses.....	6 08	
6	"	108	To W. H. Brook, accountant.....	38 05	
	"	109	To A. Westbrook, printing.....	7 50	
	"	110	To L. Williams, treasurer and secretary.....	50 00	
Nov. 9	"	111	To L. Williams, treasurer and secretary, disbursements.....	26 64	
Oct. 2	"	112	To pay roll for September.....	962 81	
Nov. 2	"	113	To pay roll for October.....	935 57	2,253 27
9	XVI	114	To G. E. Wright, labor on bridges.....	15 96	
	"	115	To T. McKnight, sprinkling.....	65 00	
	"	116	To W. J. Mackay, insurance.....	112 20	
	"	117	To Bell Telephone Co.....	7 40	
	"	118	To W. Pool & Son, advertising.....	5 00	
	"	119	To W. Shepard, labor, etc., on the inclined railway.....	98 95	
	"	120	To H. S. Ware, labor on reservation.....	21 31	
	"	121	To J. Binkley, for coal.....	7 50	
	"	122	To Kearney & Barrett, labor, etc.....	26 50	
	"	123	To W. Young, cartage.....	26 70	
	"	124	To G. S. Hanes, tools and implements.....	5 25	
	"	125	To S. S. Pomeroy, for advertising.....	8 75	
	"	126	To T. V. Welch, superintendent, petty disbursements.....	8 05	
	"	127	To Philpott & Leuppie, hardware, etc.....	11 86	
	"	128	To P. C. Flynn, labor, etc., on bridges.....	502 03	
	"	129	To D. Phillips, work on reservation.....	159 97	
	"	130	To T. V. Welch, traveling expenses.....	23 45	
	"	131	To H. S. Ware, office furniture.....	55 41	1,160 89
Sep. 22	XVII	132	To A. Westbrook, printing.....	3 50	
Oct. 2	"	133	To Fless & Ridge, stationery.....	3 00	
Nov. 9	"	134	To L. Williams, treasurer and secretary.....	50 00	
25	"	135	To M. B. Anderson, traveling expenses.....	13 24	
Dec. 1	"	136	To A. Graham, stationery.....	14 00	
	"	137	To T. V. Welch, petty disbursements.....	43 84	
	"	138	To Leighton Williams, treasurer and secretary.....	50 00	

## TREASURER'S REPORT — Continued.

Date.	Abstract number.	Voucher number.	DEBTOR.	Amount voucher.	Amount abstract.
Dec. 4	XVII	139	To pay roll for November.....	\$615 83	
12	"	140	To Fless & Ridge, stationery.....	6 00	
15	"	141	To F. P. Lanigan, insurance account.....	3 75	
31	"	142	To Leighton Williams, treasurer and secretary	50 00	
	"	143	To pay roll for December.....	555 84	\$1,409 00
			Balance at bank.....	.....	\$9,121 26
					14,566 37
					\$28,687 63



BY-LAWS

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE RESERVATION AT NIAGARA,

TOGETHER WITH THE

ORDINANCES, RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT OF THE RESERVATION.

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BY-LAWS.

OFFICE.

SECTION 1. The office and place of business of the board shall be on the reservation.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. All meetings of the board shall be held at their office unless otherwise ordered. Special meetings may be called whenever designated by the president.

SEC. 3. The regular meetings of the board shall be held on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in the months of January, March, May, July, September and November. Other meetings may be held by adjournment upon the call of the president or upon the written request of two members.

SEC. 4. Meetings of the board shall be held at 12 o'clock noon, unless otherwise ordered. A majority of the commissioners shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 5. Notices of meetings shall be mailed to each commissioner at least forty-eight hours before the time of such meetings.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 6. The officers of the board shall consist of

1. A president;
2. A treasurer and secretary;

who shall hold office until others are elected in their stead.

[Sen. Doc. No. 32.]

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 7. The president shall preside at all meetings of the board and shall appoint the standing committees unless otherwise ordered by the board. He shall decide all questions of order subject to appeal to the board.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the secretary to supervise and conduct the business of the office of the board; he shall prepare all papers for the meetings of the board and committees; he shall receive and conduct the correspondence of the board, issue all official notices and receive the reports of employees. He shall exchange, in the name of the board, the annual reports and other documents with other public institutions, libraries, etc., in this and other countries, and cause such books and reports as shall be purchased by, or presented to the board to be preserved for the use of the board. He shall be the *ex-officio* clerk of the board, and shall have such assistants and accountants as shall be necessary and as the board may appoint, and perform such other duties as the board may from time to time direct. The secretary shall also act as treasurer of the board, and as such he shall collect the revenue derived from the reservation and report the condition of the finances at the regular meetings. He shall give a bond for the faithful performance of his duties in such amount as the board may require.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business at meetings of the board, except when otherwise ordered, shall be:

1. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Communications.
3. Reports of committees.
4. Motions and resolutions.
5. Miscellaneous business.

The yeas and nays shall be called and recorded on all appropriations of money, and on all other questions, at the request of one commissioner.

All resolutions shall be in writing, with the name of the mover thereon.

All reports shall be in writing, signed by a majority of the committee to whom the matter was referred, and shall state the facts upon which the same is based, and their conclusions thereon.

No by-law shall be altered, repealed or adopted, without the report of a committee thereon, nor without the assent of a majority of the whole board.

## ORDINANCES.

[The following ordinances were adopted by the commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara, on the 16th day of July, 1885, in pursuance and by virtue of the power and authority contained in chapter 286 of the Laws of 1885, and are published in accordance with the requirements contained in said chapter.

The penalty for a breach of any of the following ordinances by the provisions of section 3 of said chapter is a fine not exceeding one hun-



dred dollars or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both such fine and imprisonment.]

*First.* In these ordinances all that portion of the reservation westerly of the east shore of the Niagara river is designated as the "Islands." That portion heretofore known as "Prospect park" is designated by that name.

*Second.* The islands and Prospect park shall be open to the public under the regulations of the board, from the first day of May to the first day of October, from 8 o'clock A. M. to sundown, but the superintendent may, in his discretion, permit the islands to be visited at other hours, and the other portions of the said reservation shall be open at such other hours as the superintendent may from time to time direct. At the hours of closing both entrance and exit shall cease, except by permission of the superintendent.

*Third.* No intoxicated person shall enter or remain upon any portion of the reservation.

*Fourth.* No child under fourteen years of age shall enter or remain upon the islands unless accompanied by and in the charge of some person of mature years.

*Fifth.* No picnics shall be held on the islands, but they may be held at Prospect park at such times and under such directions as the superintendent shall from time to time give, and subject to his supervision.

*Sixth.* No person shall climb any tree, or break, cut, trample upon or remove, or in any manner injure or deface any ornament, tree, plant, shrub, flower, flower-bed, turf, or any of the buildings, fences, bridges or other constructions within the reservation, nor shall any person write on any building, structure, fence, bench, rock or stone within such reservation.

*Seventh.* No person shall post or affix any printed or written bill or placard, notice or other paper, or any sign upon any tree, structure or thing within the reservation or upon any gate, fence or inclosure thereof.

*Eighth.* No horse or other animal used for riding or driving, or vehicle of any description will be allowed upon any part of the reservation, except upon the rides, drives, concourses or other places appropriated for horses and carriages, nor will any vehicle drawn by any animal be allowed upon any foot-walks, ride or bridle-path, nor will any vehicle or animal used for driving or riding be allowed to stand upon any drive or carriage road (except at such places as the superintendent shall designate for that purpose) to the obstruction of the way or inconvenience of persons riding or driving on the reservation, and no person shall solicit or invite a passenger for hire in said reservation; nor shall any vehicle used for the carriage of passengers be allowed to go upon the islands or Prospect park unless there is some passenger therein or unless the same has been sent for or previously engaged by some person desiring to ride therein.

*Ninth.* No person shall ride or drive faster than six miles an hour in said reservation, or faster than a walk on any bridge therein. All hackmen and drivers shall demean themselves in an orderly and respectful manner, and for any breach of this ordinance, or of the foregoing eighth ordinance; or for any extortion or attempt at extortion

by any hackman or driver from any person carried by him to said reservation or any part thereof, the person offending may be excluded by the superintendent from the reservation for the remainder of the current year or for such lesser time as he shall see fit.

*Tenth.* No intoxicating liquor or beverage shall be sold upon said reservation; no person shall fire or discharge any gun, pistol or other firearm, torpedo, rocket or other firework upon said reservation, or within said reservation solicit patronage to or for any person or persons, occupation or business; or except by license of the superintendent sell or offer or display for sale any thing; nor shall any person within said reservation beg or publicly solicit subscriptions, or play any game of cards or any other game of chance, or utter loud, threatening abusive or indecent language, or any language intending to create a breach of the peace, or be guilty of any indecent, obscene or disorderly conduct therein; nor shall any person make any oration or public speech or harangue therein, except by the written license of the superintendent.

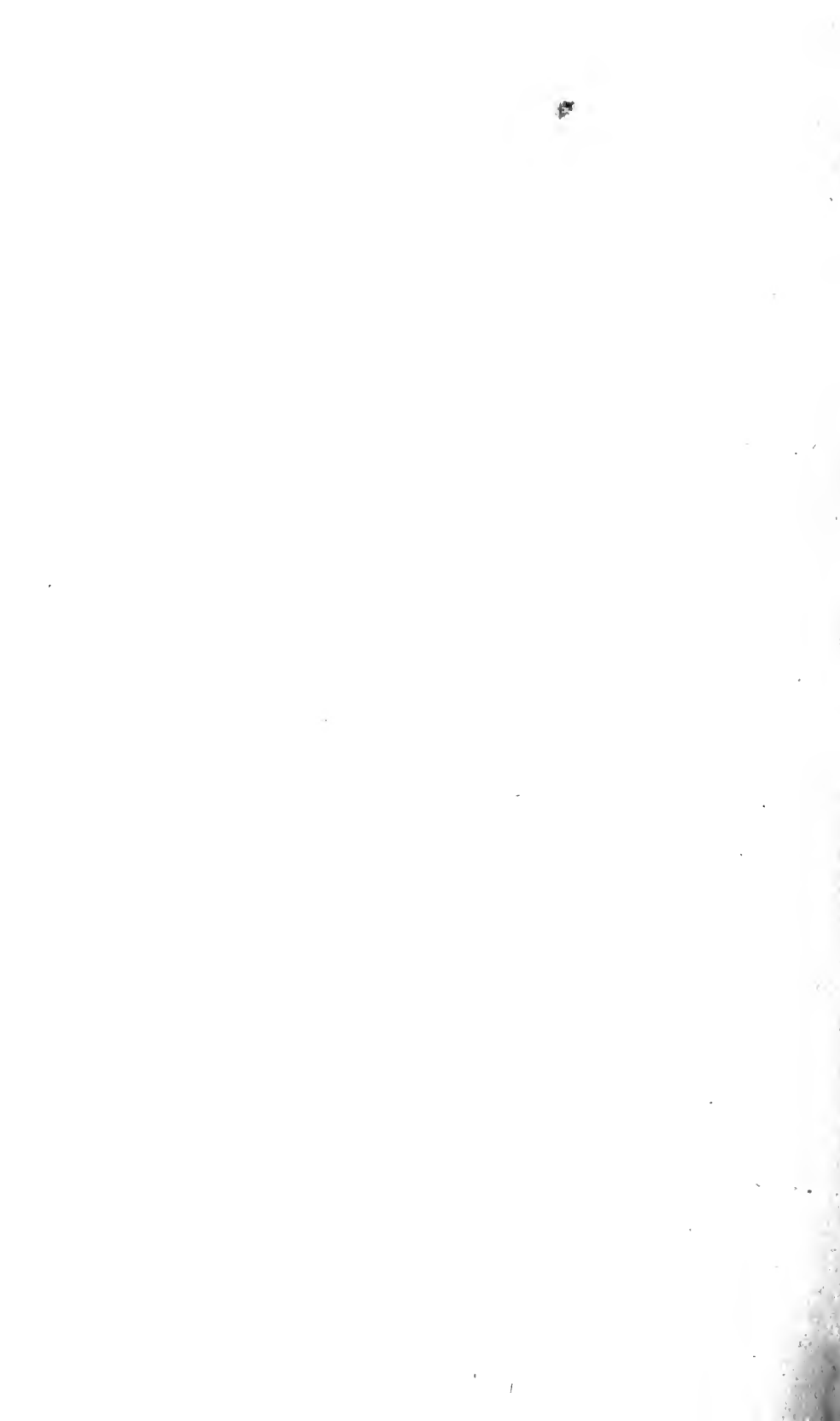
*Eleventh.* Any breach of any of the foregoing regulations shall be deemed disorderly conduct.

STATE OF NEW YORK,                    )  
*City and County of New York,*    ) ss. :

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of "the rules, regulations, by-laws and ordinances" adopted by said Commissioners of the State Reservation at Niagara at a regular meeting held on the reservation in the village of Niagara Falls on the 16th day of July, 1885.

LEIGHTON WILLIAMS,  
*Treasurer and Secretary.*



















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